

INVENTING ANNA
Pre Court Scene Episode 9

ANNA AND LAWYER TODD IN THE WAITING ROOM.

TODD

What's wrong with the clothes Anna?

ANNA

They're dirty

TODD

Then wear these

ANNA

Get me new ones.

TODD

We can't do this again

ANNA

Get the new clothes and tell the judge I'm taking the stand.

TODD

Okay, Anna, Listen...

ANNA

No! You fucked up this entire trial. I knew, with your stupid Long Island accent, and your stupid face that you would be a useless piece of shit lawyer!

TODD

Anna shut the fuck up and listen.

ANNA

No, you listen! I'm taking the stand. Tell the judge. Tell Natasha to bring me better clothes or I'll fire you!

TODD

What is your problem?

ANNA

My shitty, cheap, fucking ugly idiot lawyer is my problem! I'm taking the stand you incompetent ape. You fucked up this entire defense. If I needed the money, I could have married those rich asshole bankers! I'm trying to build something and you have completely ruined my reputation!

TODD

Your reputation

ANNA

That's it, you're fired! Get out!

TODD

First of all taking the stand would be legal suicide which I...

ANNA

We're done! We're done! We're done! Oh, fuck off; go find a stalker in need

TODD

Questions that make you look more like a greedy, lying, sad-sack scammer with a creepy fucking accent. But that's not why you're not taking the stand. You're not taking the stand because that's my fucking decision, not yours.

ANNA

You're fired, you fucking low-class loser!

TODD

But that's still not why

ANNA

You have no right!

TODD

This may be your reputation...

ANNA

Its not just my reputation, asshole, its my life. It's my freedom!

TODD

You useless, incompetent, excuse for a con artist. I've known a shit-ton of criminals in my day and you are below fucking average at crime, so, fuck you. And fuck your reputation. And fuck your fake-ass life and your freedom. This is my reputation, my identity, my ability to provide a life for my family you're fucking with, and now, now I look like a fucking hack because I can't control my client. Can't get baby dressed. I let you take the stand, and it's the nail in your coffin and in mine. You will get the maximum sentence and no one will ever hire me again!

ANNA

As they fucking shouldn't. You know, fuck me, fuck you! Get out, I...my father will find me a lawyer who isn't just some old trash...

TODD

Your father? Your fucking father? You're not stupid, so what is it? Full-on fucking delusion that makes you believe he's coming anywhere near here? Do you believe your lies? Are they for me or for you? Must be you. Because everyone else in your life who hasn't abandoned you yet is way past believing them and couldn't give a fuck! So long as your checks don't bounce. Even your father is done with this shitty act of yours. That's why your clothes are dirty. Your delusion must be on some epic level to even imagine for one second that he would show up here, let alone pay got a fucking fancy-ass stylist to dress you up like a courthouse Barbie doll!

ANNA

The jury loved her. Fucking ate up every spoonful of her bullshit. She's a no-talent want-to-be trolling for fame off my back. And they loved her. They couldn't take their eyes off Rachel. But it's because she's, she's prettier than me...more likable. She can fit in anywhere. She's a better actress.

TODD

This is not her show. This is our show.

ANNA

And did you see? She made them fucking cry.

TODD

This is our show. You're the star. I'm the fucking, what do you call it?

ANNA

Loser lawyer who gets fired in the first episode.

TODD

No, not that. Co-star. The one who stands by you when no one else will. The one who never abandons you, even when he can't stand you. Even when you treat me like shit, I still defend you to anyone who thinks you're an asshole and a dick. Which you are. You're a fucking dick, Anna, A huge dick. But you've also got balls. Big fucking rhino balls. Yeah, I respect the fuck out of those big, swinging...the kind you need to get shit accomplished in this town. But those people, they don't see it. They see a selfish dick who steals from her friends and fucking raids fucking hotel mini-bars like some rabid little Russian raccoon all over town. I will change that. I will expose Rachel for the fucking hypocrite that she is, and serve up those big huge...

ANNA

Gross

TODD

...On a big fucking silver platter for everyone in the court and the world to admire. I will kill for you. Not because you deserve it, you do, but because I need it. Because I fucking need it. For me. And because I can. I'm fucking down to fight. But you need to stop fighting me.

ANNA

I would rather go to jail forever than come off like some wannabe. Some amateur. Some lazy millennial just looking for a shortcut to fame and fortune.

TODD

Yeah, some Rachel.

ANNA

I want respect. I want you to defend me out there. I want you to defend my work, my foundation. My achievements. My father...everyone, everyone, they have to know how close I was. They have to know that I'm not a fraud

TODD

You have my word. Get dressed.